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VISAS: ATTENTION TIMBONE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CVIS, CGEN

SUBJECT: VISAS FOR IRAQI CITIZENS

REF: ATHENS 5623

1. DEPT HAS BEEN ORALLY AND CONFIDENTIALLY INFORMED BY  
U.S. ATTORNEY BOSTON OF TWO ALLEGATIONS RELATED TO IRAQI  
CHRISTIANS AND THEIR EFFORTS TO COME TO U.S.:

A) ALLEGATION CONTAINED IN ATHENS TELEGRAM 5623, ABOUT  
WHICH THERE IS SOME DOUBT OF ITS AUTHENTICITY. WE  
CONSIDER REFERENCE TO ISSUANCE C-1 VISAS INACCURATE INAS-  
MUCH AS IRAQIS WERE ENTITLED TO TRWOV AT THAT TIME. IF,  
HOWEVER, POST HAS ISSUED NIV CATEGORY VISAS TO IRAQI  
NATIONALS FOLLOWING CANCELLATION TRWOV, COPY OF APPLI-  
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CATIONS FORMS SHOULD BE FURNISHED INS BOSTON FOR TRANS-  
MISSION TO U.S. ATTORNEY BOSTON.

B) SECOND ALLEGATION APPARENTLY STEMS FROM STATEMENT  
ATTRIBUTED TO U.K. CONSULAR OFFICER TO INS INVESTIGATOR  
IN NEW YORK SUBSEQUENT TO THE APPLICATION FOR ASYLUM BY  
GROUP OF 12 IRAQIS WHO HAD BEEN DENIED ADMISSION TO  
BAHAMAS. CONTENTION APPEARS TO BE THAT AMERICAN CONSUL

ATHENS DID NOT OBJECT, WHEN APPROACHED BY U.K. CONSUL

ATHENS TO ISSUANCE OF VISAS FOR BAHAMAS TO IRAQI GROUP.  
AMERICAN CONSUL SAID TO HAVE GIVEN U.K. CONSUL IDEA THAT IT  
DIDN'T MATTER BECAUSE IRAQIS WOULD END UP IN U.S. IN ANY  
CASE. DEPT HAS ASKED U.S. ATTORNEY BOSTON FOR SOMETHING  
MORE CONCRETE ABOUT THIS REPORT BUT HAS NOT AS YET RE-  
CEIVED ANYTHING. CHRISTOPHER

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